

**Child Care and Development Fund**  
**FACT SHEET**  
*August, 2009*  
*Montana*

## **Caseload**

- 6,048 children were served this month in this program
- 3,582 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 11.0% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.7% of all families served

## **Children**

- 84.6% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.9% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 116 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 27.9% of all children served
- White children accounted for 79.4% of all children served

## **Families**

- 76.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 2.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.8
- 88.6% of families were headed by a single parent
- 16.1% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$403 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 5.6% of the cost and the program paid 94.4%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$399
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$377
- 73.9% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

## **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Ravalli County at \$558 per child
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Judith Basin County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF